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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Request for Information

The Applicant(s) and the assignee, if any, are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application:

- a. Identify the allegedly infringing method that was the basis for the Petition
 to Make Special and any other known uses of the invention.
 - b. In response to this requirement, please provide a copy of each of the references referred to in the IDS filed on August 20, 2001 (paper no. 8).

 Although copies of items AC through AT may have been submitted to the Office, copies have not been matched to the file. Copies of these references are necessary to examine the application since they were part of the search justifying the grant of the petition to make special.

In responding to those requirements that require copies of documents, where the document is a bound text or a single article over 50 pages, the requirement may be met by providing copies of those pages that provide the particular subject matter indicated in the requirement, or where such subject matter is not indicated, the subject matter found in the Applicants' disclosure.

The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the Applicants' first complete communication in responding to this requirement. Any

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1 supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this

2 requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement

under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR

4 1.97.

The Applicants are reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the Applicants do not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete response to the requirement for that item.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135, and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period for response of **TWO (2) MONTHS**. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Caldwell, whose telephone number is (703) 306-3036. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by phone fail, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne, can be reached at (703) 308-7562. Additionally, the fax numbers for Group 2100 are as follows:

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist at (703) 305-9600.

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